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SUBJ: WTDR/FTI-MESSER GRIESHEIM GMBH.

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1. GERMANY 2. CNTRY CODE 428 3. SER NO 0270000
4. MESSER GRIESHEIM GMBH.
- 4A. CODE 4B. CODE E
5. POSTF 3746, HANAUER LANDSTR 1
6. D 6000 FRANKFURT/MAIN 1, GERMANY
7. ESTBL 1898 8. EMPL 6,325 9. SIZE (18-X) VERY LARGE
10. REPUTATION EXCELLENT
11. SALES AREA WORLDWIDE
12. RPT DATE 10/76
- 13A. 28130/04 MFR EX OF INDUSTRIAL GASES
- 13B. 34430/04 MFR EX OF METAL TANKS FOR GAS, INCL CRYOGENIC TANKS
- 13C. 35493/04 MFR EX OF ACETYLENE WELDING AND CUTTING APPARATUS
- 13D. 35595/04 MFR EX OF INDUSTRIAL CRYOGENIC MACHINERY
- 13E. 35672/04 MFR EX OF GAS AND OXYGEN BURNERS, INDUSTRIAL
- 13F. 35690/04 MFR EX OF GAS GENERATING EQUIPMENT, GAS PROCESSING MACHINERY.
- 13G. 36230/04 MFR EX OF ARC WELDING AND RESISTANCE WELDERS
14. CONTACT DR. HANS MESSER TITLE: CHAIRMAN, MGR BOARD
15. CABLE MEGRICENTRAL 16. TELEX 04 17138 17. TEL 0611-40191
18. FINANCIAL REFS: DEUTSCHE BANK AG, COMMERZBANK AG, BOTH FRANKFURT.
19. TRADE REFS: MG INDUSTRIES, INC WILMINGTON, CEL. (SUBSIDIARY).

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20. LICENSEE OF: AIRCO INC., UNION, N.J. (ARC WELDING AND FOOD

FREEZING EQUIPMENT); UNION CARBIDE CORP., NEW YORK, NY (WELDING AND CRYOGENIC EQUIPMENT).

21. THE FIRM IS REGISTERED AS CORPORATION WITH A NOMINAL CAPITAL OF DM 84 MILLION; 66 2/3 PERCENT HELD BY HOECHST AG, 33 1/3 PERCENT BY A HOLDING CORP: MESSER INDUSTRIES, OWNED BY THE FAMILY MESSER. BESIDES BRANCHES IN FRANKFURT AND MUNICH, THE FIRM HAS SIX DOMESTIC SUBSIDIARIES, OF WHICH THE MOST IMPORTANT AND WHOLLY OWNED IS:: HUETTENSAUERSTOFF GMBH, DUESSELDORF WITH DM 20 MILLION. IT ALSO OWNS SUBSIDIARIES IN SWITZERLAND, NETHERLANDS, FRANCE, ENGLAND, SPAIN, AUSTRIA. BRASIL AND USA. BESIDES THE SUBSIDIARY NAMED UNDER ITEM 19, IT OWNS TWO MANUFACTURING SUBSIDIARIES IN USA AND HAS RECENTLY ACQUIRED THE FIRM: BURDETT OXYGEN CO., NORRISTOWN, PA. MESSER GRIESHEIM'S VOLUME OF BUSINESS IN 1975 WAS DM 815 MILLION (FOR THE ENTIRE GROUP). THE FIRMS ASSETS ARE OVER DM 400 MILLION. ITS FINANCIAL SITUATION IS ORDERLY. OBLIGATIONS ARE PROMPTLY MET. RECOMMENDED AS A GOOD BUSINESS CONTACT.

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